

Shoreham-by-Sea Urban District



# ANNUAL REPORT

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# Shoreham-by-Sea Urban District Council.

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10 BULKINGTON AVENUE,  
WORTHING.

*June, 1944.*

GENTLEMEN,

## ANNUAL REPORT, 1943.

Acting on instructions from the Ministry of Health that reports should again be confined to essential and urgent matters which affected the public health during the year, especially any matters arising from or connected with the war, outbreaks of infectious disease, together with any exceptional and administrative measures taken or recommended by the Medical Officer of Health, I beg to make the following observations.

### Statistics, 1943.

	<i>Shoreham-by-Sea</i>	<i>England and Wales</i>
Birth Rate per 1000 population ...	18.7	16.5
Death Rate per 1000 population ...	14.4	12.1
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1000 births 56		49

### Evacuation.

At the end of the year there were 10 adult evacuees in the district. There were no accompanied or unaccompanied children.

## Infectious Disease.

During the year the following cases of infectious disease among residents in the town were notified :—

			No. notified	No. of Deaths	
Scarlet Fever	...	...	30 (11 in 1942)	...	0
Diphtheria	...	...	1 (Nil „ )	...	0
Pneumonia	...	...	10 (6 „ )	...	6
Tuberculosis	...	...	11 (8 „ )	...	5
Measles	...	...	241	...	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	16	...	0
Chickenpox	...	...	34	...	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	7	...	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum			2	...	—

## Diphtheria Immunisation.

Diphtheria Immunisation has again been carried out during the year by the County Council. At the end of the year the position was as follows :—

95.5 % of school children were immunised.

51.6 % of children under school age were immunised.

One case of Diphtheria was notified during the year. This was an adult who had not been immunised,

## Scabies.

During the year, 25 cases of Scabies were brought to the notice of the Health Department, all of whom were school children.

All the cases were treated with Benzyl Benzoate Emulsion with satisfactory results. Clothes and bedding were disinfected by washing or hot ironing.

## Housing.

One new house was erected during the year by private enterprise. This had been commenced before the war.

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts) ...	365
Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	768
Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ...	Nil.

## Bacteriological Samples of Milk.

		No. taken by County Council	by Local Authority	No. complying with standard	No. failing to comply with standard
Accredited ...		13	0	9	4
Pasteurised ...		0	2	1	1
Ordinary ...		2	4	2	4

Where the samples failed to comply with the standard, appropriate action was taken.

## Food and Drugs Acts.

The following table shows the number of samples taken by the County Council (who are the administrative Authority for these Acts) and the results of examination :—

	No. analysed	Genuine	Otherwise
New Milk ...	8	8	0
Gelatine ...	1	1	0
Flavouring Essence ...	1	1	0
Anti-Gas Ointment No. 2	1	1	0

The average content of the samples of New Milk analysed was as follows :—

Fat	Solids not Fat	Total Solids
3.75%	9.02%	12.77%



## Water.

There is an abundant supply of pure water. The supply is constant and all the houses in the area are served direct. The water is not liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

## Sanitary Inspection.

I have had a complete report from the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Thurman, as in former years, but as this is not required I do not think it necessary to amplify any further beyond stating that 2146 visits and inspections were made as compared with 1515 the previous year.

## Records.

All records, including statistics supplied by the Registrar General, are being carefully preserved in order that after the termination of the war, a report can be made dealing more fully with the period from the beginning of 1939 to the end of the last complete year, so that annual records may, as far as practicable, be continuous and complete.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. H. WILSHAW,  
Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Shoreham-by-Sea Urban District Council.



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